

EARTHQUAKE SAFETY



To stay safe before, during, & after an earthquake, review the following tips.

BEFORE AN EARTHQUAKE



Assemble an emergency preparedness kit for your home & vehicle

Have a family emergency plan & identify a safe place to take cover

Teach your family how to "Drop, Cover & Hold" during an earthquake



Check for hazards inside & outside your home & office

Sign up for earthquake notifications on the USGS website



Know emergency telephone numbers

Contact your insurance agent to review existing policies & to inquire about earthquake insurance

DURING AN EARTHQUAKE

"Drop, Cover and Hold" -
DROP to the floor, take
Cover under a sturdy
table or piece of furniture,
HOLD ON until the
shaking stops



Stay away from glass, bookshelves, mirrors, or other items that could fall

If on the road: drive away from underpasses & overpasses; stop in a safe area; stay in your vehicle.

If outside: stand in an open area away from underpasses & overpasses, buildings, trees, & telephone & electrical lines

AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE



Check for injuries & provide first aid if necessary

When safe, follow your family emergency plan

Use the telephone for emergencies only



Sign up for Earthquake Notifications on the USGS website

Stay away from damaged areas

Do a safety check: check for gas, water, downed power lines & shortages, & turn off appropriate utilities

Be prepared for aftershocks

Be cautious when opening cabinets



If you are able, log onto the USGS site & fill out a "Did you feel it?" form

